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Assembly Republicans Support Wisconsin's SeniorCare Program

Madison – State Rep. John Nygren (R-Marinette), Assembly Co-Chair of the budget-writing Joint Finance Committee (JFC), released the following statement regarding his support for SeniorCare -- a state-run prescription drug program for Wisconsin seniors:

"Now that budget season is in full swing, my colleagues in the Legislature and I have been hearing many Wisconsinites' opinions about the governor's proposed plan. While the budget includes provisions concerning a vast array of issues, time and time again constituents continue to bring the proposed changes to the SeniorCare program to lawmakers' attention.

"Recently, I received letters from several of my colleagues in the Assembly urging the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) to reconsider the proposed changes to SeniorCare. Like me, these legislators have heard from their constituents about the importance of preserving this program.

"SeniorCare is unique to our state, and we are fortunate to have this Wisconsin-based prescription drug program for our seniors. It allows enrollees to purchase supplemental prescription coverage to help with medications that may not be covered by Medicare.

"This program has been beneficial for Wisconsin seniors since its inception in 2001. Today, there are over 80,000 people enrolled in the program. After hearing from my colleagues and many SeniorCare enrollees, it's clear that this program is working.

"I look forward to continuing the conversation about taking a stand for SeniorCare as we move forward with the state budget process."

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